

# *The Box Bulletin*

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*Aviation Rescue  
exercise in Hemau*

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**Front Cover:** Host Nation volunteer firefighters "stabilize an injured pilot" during a training exercise Oct. 21 in Hemau. (Photo by Laura Clagett)

## ***The Box Bulletin***



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## **Two employees injured in training area**

**T**wo employees were seriously injured October 5 at Hohenfels Training Area when a fire erupted while they were defueling a heater fuel reservoir. While the employees were inside the shelter, an explosion and fire occurred.

Employees Konrad Graml and Heinrich Roedl were rescued from the fire by U.S. Soldiers who were training nearby and contacted the Bavarian Red Cross Ambulance Service. The employees were flown by Host Nation helicopters to burn units in Nuernberg and Munich.

Konrad Graml and Heinrich Roedl are employed at the Utilities Division, Sanitation Section, DPW. They are still hospitalized.

The incident is under investigation by a special team of U. S. and German Criminal Investigators.



## **You can make a difference CFC-Overseas 2005**

**Y**ou can make a difference! The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-O) – Overseas kicked off Oct. 03 and runs through Dec. 2. The CFC is the only campaign authorized to solicit donations from employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

Through CFC, Soldiers and civilians can designate donations for a wide range of charities. Some donations directly support our overseas communities.

If you want to donate money to your military community, you can designate "FSYP" for Family Support and Youth Programs on the donation form.

To make a contribution, contact your unit's adjutant office for a CFC representative. Unit CFC representatives can arrange for contributions to be made through payroll deduction, a check, or a lump sum. See

[www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org) for more information. Your Hohenfels Community Area Project Officer is 1st Lt. Bynum-Walston @ 466-4353. Thanks for your support.



## **HHC-1-4 Inf Combat Cross Country champs**

**Winning team overall for the USAREUR Combat Cross Country Championship: (1st row, l-r) Spc. Nicholas Burling, Spc. Oscar Brewer, Sgt. Michael Makuchowski; (2nd row, l-r) Staff Sgt. Randy Heath, Maj. Alan Deogracias, Sgt. Daniel Tate (Team member McConnell — see below).**

## ***This month's Box Bulletin spotlights Spc. Emanuel McConnell, HHC 1-4 Infantry***

**A** member of the champions in the USAREUR Cross Country Championship Competition Oct. 20 in Babenhausen, **Spc. Emanuel McConnell** came in second place for individuals. The HHC, 1-4 Inf team placed first overall. The teams ran about seven kilometers through the woods wearing their BDUs and carrying their LCEs, equipment and weapons. Twenty-two teams from across USAREUR competed.

McConnell came to Hohenfels in August 2001 as an infantryman for HHC, 1-4 Inf. He just transferred to Charlie Co.

This is his second tour to Germany. He and wife Priscila have two boys: Joshua, age 5, and Jonathan, age 2. McConnell is a youth minister at his church as well as dance ministry. An amateur artist, he enjoys doing art with his children. Another of his hobbies is rap music and has released two songs on German Cinemax.





### CFC is more critical now than ever before

**Y**ou may have noticed something different in this month's Box Bulletin. The designation of my Battalion has changed from the 282<sup>nd</sup> Base Support Battalion to the United States Army Garrison Hohenfels. The change was made at all installations in USAREUR to standardize the Army garrisons world wide. Now all of the *Kasernen* in Germany have the same designation for their garrisons' command as the Posts in the United States. The Garrison Redesignation Ceremony in Heidelberg on October 13 was the culmination of a year long effort to bring the garrisons in USAREUR into conformity with the Standard Garrison Organization (SGO) prescribed by the Installation Management Agency. As we in Hohenfels made the change to the SGO last year, the new name will not bring any change to the great level of service you have come to expect from the garrison.

In a different vein, I wanted to take a moment of your time to discuss the Combined Federal Campaign. The campaign runs through December 2 and provides each of us with the chance to give a little of blessings we have received to people who are less fortunate. After a year that has seen hundreds of thousands killed in a Tsunami, potentially hundreds of thousands more lost in an earthquake in Pakistan, and a series of hurricanes in the United States that killed almost

10,000 people and completely destroyed an entire city, we can easily see the need to contribute to the efforts to recover. Our Community Goal this year is to raise \$100,000 during our Combined Federal Campaign.

You have probably noticed the signs that have gone up near the gates to track contributions. One column tracks the money that has been received and the other tracks the percentage of eligible community members who have contributed. We are tracking only numbers not names, but would like to see how close we can get to 100 percent participation and \$100,000. Some of you have asked me why our tracking sign has not changed since the campaign began. The reason is that, to date, we have only received \$3,593 in total community contributions. The first mark on the sign is the \$5,000 mark and we aren't there yet. So I ask that each of you take a moment to contribute this week. Each organization on the post has a CFC representative and 1st Lt. Bynum-Watson from HHD/USAGH is the chairman of the campaign for Hohenfels. Thanks for everything that you give to help those less fortunate.

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*Lt. Col. James Matheson*

### Godfrey's Dishwasher brings down the house of Motzer as Joelyn Knappek leads Sunrise Inn to come from behind victory

**O**ctober 2005, Hohenfels, Germany – In a shocking end to the FY05 ICE League Season reminiscent of Bobby Thompson's 1951 "Shot Heard Round The World," The Sunrise Lodge pulled off a miraculous come from behind victory to claim the title from the previously unbeaten Housing Office.

The surprising end to the season occurred when Lt. Col. Fred Godfrey complained about his malfunctioning dishwasher. In an effort to salvage the season, Housing Chief Hans Motzer dispatched a team of electrical experts to the Godfrey residence, but it was too late. The dishwasher was repaired, but the damage was done. Given just this tiny smidgeon of daylight, Sunrise Lodge

Chief Joelyn Knappek led her lodging troops to victory with an unblemished record in the FY05 campaign. Said Knappek, "in a short season like this, you have to be ready to take advantage of any opportunity that arises." Knappek attributed the victory to the hard work of all the Sunrise Lodge employees and their team philosophy that "every customer is special and we treat them that way."

When asked about his plans for next season, Motzer said that he has no intention of doing anything in the free agent market. "We have great employees in place now and I know that we will do a great job over the course of a full 12 month season. We have already begun our off-season conditioning program and we are poised to provide

the highest possible levels of customer service in the coming year." When asked to comment on his role in the drama, Godfrey said, "I'm glad I got my dishwasher fixed, but Mary still makes me do all of the glasses by hand."

Congratulations to The Sunrise Lodge for their FY 05 ICE League Championship. If you want to see the trophy, it is proudly displayed on the front desk of the Inn. Good luck to all participants in next year's league. The FY 06 season kicked off on 1 October 2005. The season ending results for FY 05 are listed below. Be sure to follow the league in each month's edition of the Box Bulletin.

Place	Service Providers	Wins	Losses	% Win
1	Sunrise Lodge	23	0	1.000
2	CYS Youth Sports	20	0	1.000
3	Education Center	11	0	1.000
4	ACS	6	0	1.000
5	Turnbull Library	5	0	1.000
6	Vehicle Registration	5	0	1.000
7	Property Book Office	4	0	1.000
8	POV Inspection	2	0	1.000
9	Gym/Olympia Fitness Ctr	1	0	1.000
10	Post Gym - Basketball	1	0	1.000
11	The Zone (Club)	1	0	1.000
12	Thrift Shop	1	0	1.000
13	Transportation Motor Pool	1	0	1.000
14	Dining Facility (1-4 Infantry)	1	0	1.000
15	DPW Housing	66	1	0.985
16	Drivers Testing	34	1	0.971
17	Dining Facility (282d BSB)	24	1	0.960
18	CDC Annex-Hourly Care	12	1	0.923
19	In / out processing	11	1	0.917
20	Chapel	31	9	0.775
21	CYS Child Development Ctr	3	1	0.750
22	DPW Work Order Desk	2	1	0.667
23	CYS Central Registration	3	3	0.500
24	DODDS Elementary Schol	1	1	0.500
25	Auto Craft Shop	1	1	0.500
26	Health Clinic	1	2	0.333
27	Community Mail Room/CMR	2	7	0.222
28	AAFES	2	9	0.182
29	Arts and Craft Shop	0	1	0.000
30	Bowling Alley	0	7	0.000



# “Copter down”

## Local firefighters train to respond

*The dusk twilight hour had just settled over the field as a helicopter veered to the right before making an emergency landing near the town of Hemau. Three crew members were injured. A cloud of smoke enveloped the aircraft as the firetrucks raced out to the field.*

By Gerry Arbios

**T**his was the scene October 21 during one of four exercises that took place in the areas surrounding the Joint Multinational Readiness Center.

When an aircraft goes down in the local community, local firemen will be on the scene. Airfield Safety Officer Chance Clagett coordinated the training with the U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels Fire Department and Host Nation fire departments for four training exercises in October to help local firefighters respond and assist if an aircraft goes down in their vicinity. Four exercises took place on these dates in the following towns:

- October 20 – Neumarkt
- October 21 – Regensburg (Hemau)
- October 27 – Amberg
- October 28 – Schwandorf

Through realistic scenarios, the training will help preserve lives, equipment and resources in the event of a serious aviation mishap within the four counties surrounding the Joint Multinational Readiness Center. During the training, the firefighters learned how to approach a downed aircraft and emergency shutdown procedures, as well as assisting the crash scene “injured.”

Kreis Brand Inspector Wolfgang Scheuerer brought 67 volunteer firefighters and three Bavarian Red Cross staff to take part in the crash-drill training. The firefighters and BRK came



**Above, Falcon aircraft makes “an emergency landing” during the aviation rescue exercise. (Photo by Laura Clagett)**

from the following towns: Hemau (31), Hohenschambach (8), Klingen (6), Koillersried (9), Laufenthal (10), and Haag (8).

The training, which reflects the close cooperation with Host Nation officials and the U.S. Army, has been ongoing since 1996.

Clagett was supported by a host of installation staff to include Gert Fuchs, Deputy Chief, F&ES Hohenfels, and the Falcon Team. He said the cooperation from the Host Nation was great and adds, “The end state of this training is that it benefited everyone, both on and off the JMRC. In the event of serious aircraft accident/incident precious lives, equipment, and the environment can be saved.”



**Above, Falcon team member tries his helmet on a young member of the local community of Hemau. At right, firefighters carry an “injured” Falcon to waiting emergency vehicle. (Photos by Spc. Billy Cargile, JMRC VIPER Team)**



# HHS Tigers claw through 5-0 Season



**Hohenfels Tigers playing against Ansbach.**

*By Wes Arnold, Hohenfels High School*

**A**fter finishing a disappointing 1-4 in 2003, Hohenfels High School Tiger Football team needed to make drastic improvements in their program. The 2004 season was better, finishing with a 4-3 record and quarterfinal playoff victory, before falling just short in the semi-final playoffs. In 2005, the team welcomed back Shawn Rodman, a two-time European Championship coach, as well as an abundance of starters from the previous year. The goal was set for a championship and an undefeated season. Rebuilding was over.

After a month of practice in the hot August sun, the Tigers were ready for the start of the 2005 season. The Tigers opened at home against Italian foe Vicenza on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Tigers took control right away when Jeremy Crook sacked the quarterback for a five yard loss on the first

play of the game. The Tigers offense took the ball and scored on a pass from Jason Parks to BJ Denson for the opening score, in what proved to be the beginning of an offensive romp. Brandon Merriweather, and Stephen Washington each rushed for a touchdown. BJ Denson caught two touchdown passes, and Matt Apodaca added a touchdown catch of his own for the final score of 35-0.

On September 24 the Tigers took a flight down to Sigonella Italy for another conference game. The Sigonella defense proved to be no match for the Tigers' offense as the Tigers put up 64 points that saw touchdown runs from, Brandon Merriweather, Stephen Washington, Kalani Afelin, Nate Apodaca, and Damien Odum, and Mike Tillberg. Odum also picked an interception, which he returned for a touchdown.

On October 1 the Tigers put their undefeated record on the line against the Giessen Griffins. The Tigers piled up the points again in a 39-8 victory. Stephen Washington had two touchdown runs. Brandon Merriweather added another rushing score and Damien Odum added two rushing scores. Sung Byon returned a kick 75 yards for another touchdown. Anthony Marshall added a 33-yard field goal. Matt Apodaca led the defense with eight solo tackles.

The Tigers returned home on October 7<sup>th</sup> for their Friday night Homecoming game. The Tigers were looking for their first Homecoming victory since 2002 as they squared off against the Bamberg Barons. The Tigers got off to a fast start, with Damien Odum returning the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. Jason Parks hooked up with B.J. Denson for touchdown throws of 5 and 19 yards. Stephen Washington added the fourth touchdown of the night with a five-yard run as the Tigers rolled to their 4th straight victory 29-6.

The Tigers took their 4-0 records into a Friday night game against their archrival, the Ansbach Cougars. In a wild game that saw the Tigers trail by as much as 12 points in the fourth quarter, the Tigers rallied in the fourth quarter and put up a series of great defensive stands including knocking down the game-winning pass in the end zone to preserve a 25-24 victory. The victory ended the Ansbach Cougars winning streak at 28 games. The Tigers got three rushing touchdowns from Stephen Washington, and one from Sung Byon. Brandon Merriweather also added several big key runs in the victory. The victory gave the Tigers a 5-0 season and a Conference Championship, moving the team from worst to first.



**Hohenfels High School Tigers team.**

# High marks for college night

By Dawn Clagett, Hohenfels High School

Over 150 students, parents and various community members crowded into the Hohenfels High School Great Hall October 12 for the annual college night. The event lasted from 6-8 p.m. with over 50 colleges and universities represented. College Night provided an opportunity for students to evaluate potential post-high school educational opportunities as well as continuing education information for interested members of the community.

Not only were alumni able to pass on their zeal for their school, hopeful students were able to pick up information and ask questions of people who attended these institutions to get a more personal feel for the school. Many representatives offered various keepsakes, such as pens, stress balls, pamphlets, and t-shirts as incentives to visit their booths and learn about their colleges. Hohenfels High School Junior Lyndy Axon said, "It was very informative. I was surprised at how many school representatives were there."

College night is a combined community effort: parents, teachers, administrators, and community members represented their Alma Maters (some even represented two, depending on how many degrees they obtained). The HCSC and the Education Center were present to provide information on scholarships and other financial opportunities. Even the Navy recruiter was active in sparking interest for enlistment in his branch of the service.

HHS Model United States Senate (MUSS) offered hot food to hungry students, and parents of the class of 2007 provided drinks and snacks. Bill Arnold, who is a HHS teacher and parent of a graduating senior, commented, "It was really great to see so many members of the community support this event and provide this information for our students and other members of the community."

Anyone who missed out on college night has the opportunity to learn more from Education Center. There will also be another college night in Vilseck on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 from 4-7 p.m. at the Vilseck High School.



From left, Ed Center staff talk with the Davis family during College Night.



Teresa Saucedo (right) welcomes the garrison's First Lady, Mrs. Diane Matheson, at a luncheon at the Hilltop Chapel Center on Sept. 30.

## Identity thieves want you

By Deborah S. Emery, Marketing, Service Credit Union

A recent survey by the Federal Trade Commission revealed that identity theft is the fastest growing crime. The estimated cost to financial institutions is \$33 billion. While the average cost to each individual is \$500, the loss of time to track down the thief and correct the situation and the loss of personal security cannot be adequately quantified. Can you afford to be out \$500 with nothing to show for it?

Several key pieces of information that are especially useful to aid the identity thieves are:

- ▷ Social Security Number
- ▷ Date of Birth
- ▷ Driver's License Number
- ▷ Checking/Credit Card Account Numbers
- ▷ Passwords
- ▷ PINs

Judicious use of these numbers and safeguarding documents with these numbers is vital. Documents that are no longer needed should be shredded into confetti like pieces as the long strips from some shredders can be taped together by the persistent thief. Passwords and Pins should be committed to memory (instead of jotted down on the card saver).

The best deterrent to an identity thief is your own diligence.

## November Winter Bazaar

Mark your calendars...

**The Hohenfels Community Spouses Club is holding a Winter Bazaar November 18-20 at the Post Gym.**



# Entertainment highlights

The Community Activities Center was alive with entertainment the weekend of Oct. 1-2. On Saturday night, the one act play *American Gothic Summer* was presented. This one act play was specially written for the Hohenfels Box Seat Theater and will be an entry into the IMA-E Entertainment One Act Play Festival which is held every October at the Roadside Theater in Heidelberg.

Not only was the play presented for the first time for a public audience but the playwright, James Danek, also was the Narrator of the production. After the presentation, Danek met with the members of the audience and answered questions about writing for the stage and also took critiques of the performance.

Sunday night the band, *Latin Connection*, performed their wonderful blend of Latin music, salsa, and other forms of Latin music. This group of six very talented musicians performed for a full hour and had members of the audience dancing from their very first note.

Special thanks go to Danek and also Army Entertainment for providing both these events free of charge to the community and Soldiers.

Nominations for performer and technician positions in the **2006 Army Soldier Show** are requested from Regional IMA offices. Nominations are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians and specialty acts. Nominations for

## KONTAKT Hohenfels

### What is the Konkakt Club?

Kontakt Hohenfels is a German-American (and other International members) friendship club with fun events, recreation, education, community service and networking opportunities. It's a cultural exchange club for meeting new people and learning about another culture and language, based upon respect and tolerance without regard to differences in race, politics, religion, or ideology. Kontakt is for people of all ages who care about working to develop international cultural relations. The Club needs individual members who are willing to work and contribute ideas, skills, time, and talents while growing with the opportunities.

### November

- 9 Bowling on Base at 7 p.m.
- 11 Linedance in Hohenfels School Aula at 6:30 p.m. (we all need a second pair of shoes)



- 14 Linedance in Hohenfels Keltensaal at 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Stammtisch at Josef, at Hohenfels at 7 p.m.
- 19 Thanksgiving Dinner at the RAC; begins 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. (Decorating begins at 4 p.m.) Please call Gabi if you can come and tell us also what you will bring for a side dish; also don't forget to bring your own plates, cups and fork and knife.
- 30 Board members meeting in Velburg at the Greek Restaurant at 7 p.m.

\*\*\**Movie night will depend on movie schedule.*

### \*\*\*\**Preview/Program*

Dec. 4 Christmas tree lighting on post

If you have questions about any of the events or club membership, please contact the Public Affairs Liaison at DSN 466-4294 or Civilian at 09472-83-4294.

technicians are being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costume makers and stage technicians. Nominations must be received NLT December 15 by Joanne Love, Special Events and Entertainment, Bldg 40, Community Activities Center. The complete set of requirements is available at the Special Events Office. Call DSN 466-2340 for further information.

## Tree-lighting Schedule — Sunday, December 4



*Welcome* by the Garrison Commander and chaplain in Bldg. 1 Parking Lot below Post Chapel at 4:20 p.m.

*Tree-lighting Ceremony* with special visitors from the North Pole (weather permitting)

*Concert* at 5 p.m. in Post Theater by the 1st AD Army Band

*Community Reception* at 7 p.m. at the Community Activities Center



Survivor TV show members sign autographs at the Commissary Oct. 4.

# Youth Sports

by Jerry Mayhew, YS Director

**C**hild and Youth Services, Youth Sports branch is having a successful soccer and football season with the youths learning so much. We are increasing the length of the regular season by sending our Bantams and Junior Soccer teams to play local German teams. We have played Velburg, Hohenfels, Parsberg and Lupberg.

The teams are challenged and learning many skills from the German teams. Youth Sports wants to thank the Garrison Commander for setting up those games. As of this writing, we have Bantams and Junior Soccer teams going into the soccer championships with a good chance of taking the championship and going to the IMA-E playoffs. Our community had a lot of great kids this soccer season with great coaches who taught the kids — what they needed to know to develop and learn the game of soccer.

As for the new tackle football and cheerleading program, all the teams were successful given that all the kids had never played organized tackle football or cheered before. Each week saw tremendous progress. The kids learned a lot and came away winners in their own right. It was a very successful program for the first year of implementation. Many thanks to the

community for all their support for this season.

Basketball is now upon us and Youth Sports is taking basketball registration through November 18 at CLEOS, Bldg. 96, until teams are full. Since soccer will be over soon, except for the championship play-offs, basketball season will start the 2nd week in December.

Thanks to those Soldiers and civilians for stepping up on the last day to volunteer to coach our kids for the basketball season. The next new coaches basketball certification class will be November 2 at the Youth Sports office, Bldg 46, at 5:45 p.m. All coaches need to be certified.

## Hohenfels "Don't Walk By" Winter Safety Campaign on POV Safety

**B**e prepared before winter weather strikes — ready your POV.

Winter Safety Days 2006 are kicking off in the Hohenfels Community in early Nov. PREPAREDNESS is the key on German highways!

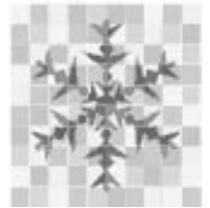
Unit-sponsored vehicle inspections should be ongoing; however you can

do your part now!

Check the following items on your car before you are driving on frozen road surfaces or during dim lighting conditions: battery, antifreeze level, wipers and windshield washer fluid, ignition system, lights (all around, including hazard lights), exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster and oil level (replace oil with a winter grade oil or the SAE 10w/30 weight variety).

Make sure you have good winter tires with adequate tread or all-weather radials (look for the snowflake symbol are the tire sidewall). Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal, and maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter season.

Finally, use your headlights at all times! This is a German law, with mandatory use of lights beginning October 1. Plan long trips carefully. Listen to AFN or access the USAREUR web site <http://g3operations.hqusareur.army.mil/Asg> for the latest weather and road conditions.



### Youth Sports Certified Coaches Honor Roll

#### Soccer

Jennifer Walker  
Lee Peters  
Cindy Puckett  
Kate Nichols  
Ruby Rivera  
Santos Rivera  
James Rea  
Felix Francois  
Steven Vass  
Douglas Jackson  
Karim Al-Azzawi  
Stephine Headrick  
Donna DeLamar (Mini)  
Stephine Hagar  
Darman Place  
April Kronke

#### Football

Chris Green  
Dan Miles  
Kelvin Ansari  
James Rea  
Randy Kraft

#### Cheerleading

Maria Register  
Tonia Davis

**Holiday Ball 2005**

7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command and U.S. Army Garrison-Grafenwöhr

Invite you to an evening of  
Dinner, Dancing, Karaoke and a visit from Santa  
Friday evening, December 8th  
Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Event begins at 7 p.m.  
at Stadthalle, Grafenwöhr

Costs:  
Dinner - 21 Euro  
Cash Bar

Dress: Formal  
Military: Dress Blue Uniform  
Civilian: Dress & Uniform  
with bowtie

Contact your unit or department representative for tickets, or call DSN 475-6281